

Aug 12, 3 PM MTN: EPA Daily Media Call on Gold King Mine Release

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WHO: EPA Officials from Denver, Dallas and San Francisco (varies by date)

WHEN: August 12, 3 PM (Mountain, MT)

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On Aug. 5 while investigating Gold King Mine in Colorado, EPA and State Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety triggered a large release of mine wastewater into Cement Creek. EPA is working closely with first responders and local and state officials to monitor water contaminated by the spill. The spill path flows through 3 of EPA's regions (Region 8 (Colorado/Utah & Southern Ute Tribe); Region 6 (New Mexico), and Region 9 (Navajo Nation). EPA has activated its Emergency Operations System to ensure coordinate on among its regions, laboratories and national program offices in Washington DC. EPA is closely coordinating with the officials in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Southern Ute Tribe and Navajo Nation.

For the latest information, photos, and the data when available, visit
<http://www2.epa.gov/goldkingmine>.